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APPLICANT: David A. Sirbasku § GROUP ART UNIT: 1642

APPLICATION NO.: 09/852,547 §

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FOR: Compositions and Methods for
the Diagnosis, Treatment and
Prevention of Steroid Hormone
Responsive Cancers §

EXAMINER: Dr. Karen A. Canella

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**AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2003**

Atty. Dkt. No.: 1944-00800
Date: January 8, 2004

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the final Office Action of October 8, 2003, and in conjunction with a *Request for Continued Examination* submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.